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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH  
ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER No. 45

FRESH PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION DIVISION

OFFICE CLOSING

The Alexandria, La. office closed December 1. Requests for terminal inspection at Alexandria should be sent to the Shreveport office for handling.

MIAMI OFFICE ADDRESS

The new address for the Miami, Florida, office: Mr. F. W. Luffman, C/O Dade County Growers Market, 1260 N.W. 22nd Street, Miami 37. Phone 3-2404. Please send all office mail to that address. Mr. Luffman's new home address is 2601 S.W. Sixth St., Miami, 35, Fla.

FEE FOR COCONUTS

The proper fee for coconuts is \$5.00 per carload. For fee purposes coconuts are not classed with peanuts and other nuts.

ADDITION TO TABLE OF CUSTOMARY NUMBER OF PACKAGES PER CARLOAD

Add to this table "Unshelled Pecans 400 hundred-pound or 800 fifty-pound sacks per car."

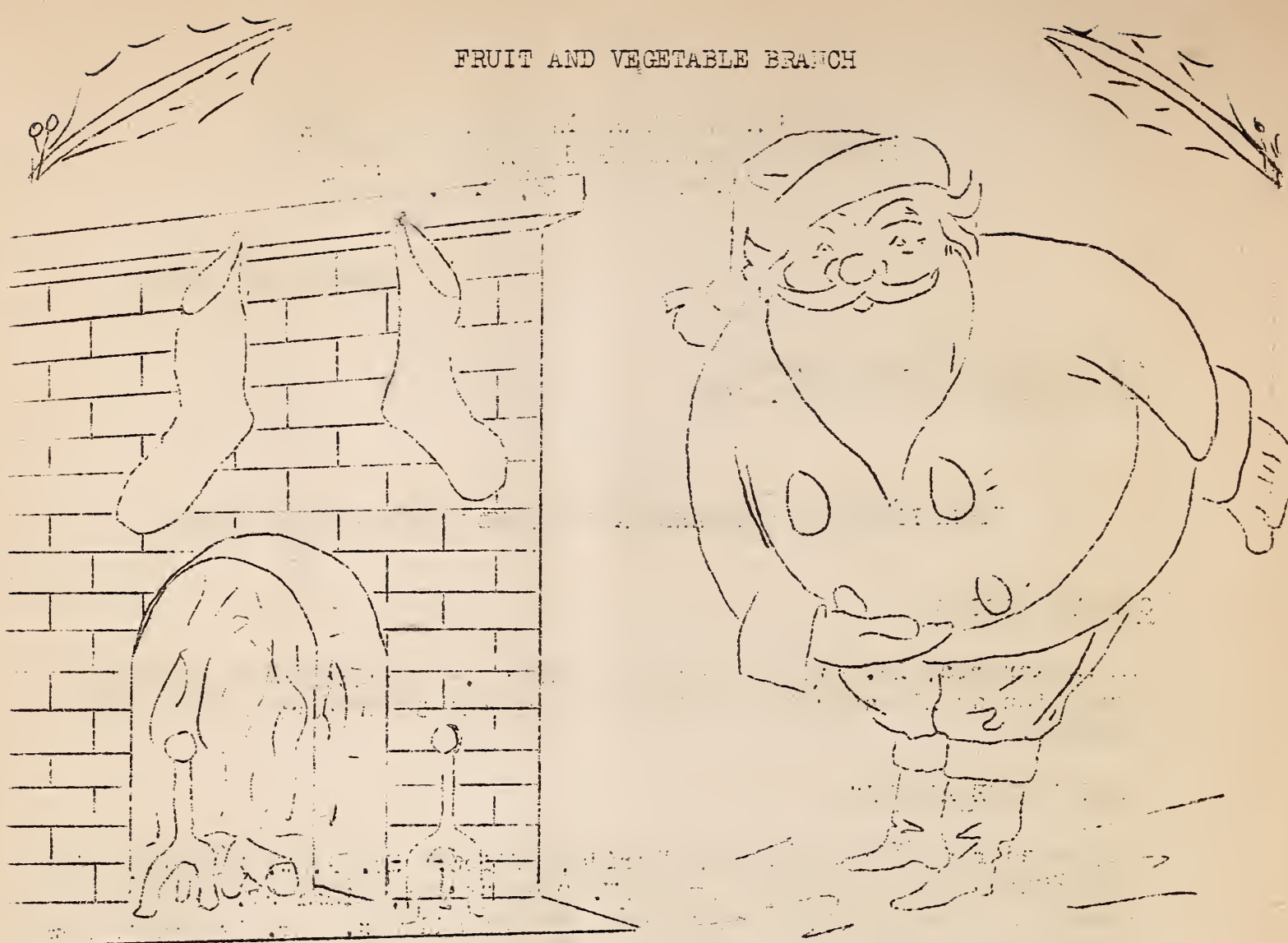
FREDERICK WOLFARTH

We were sorry to hear that Frederick Wolfarth passed away during the week of November 19. Until he retired on December 31, 1943 he had charge for many years of the institution and boat inspection work in New York City.

DO NOT LICENSE JOHN M SPEARS

John M. Spears of Marietta, Ohio, who worked as a licensed shipping point inspector for a short time during 1944, should not be licensed again without special authorization from Washington. At the end of his service he failed to turn in his license card No. 28180 and it is alleged that he has used this as an identification card to cash worthless checks. If anyone learns of the whereabouts of Spears please advise us.

## FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH



### SEASON'S GREETINGS TO THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH STAFF:

The year 1945 has been an outstanding one in the Nation's history. It has brought us Peace on two fronts, and also the problems which accompany the establishment of a peaceful world relationship between men and nations following a period of war. Many of these problems are greater in their magnitude than some of those which were solved to win the war. As small as the Fruit and Vegetable Branch may at first glance seem in the world scheme of things, it will play an important part in the life of the people of this and other countries.

At this Season of the year, it is well for us to give some thought to our past performance and to the job ahead. We wish to express our appreciation for the splendid cooperation which we have had in the Branch. We truly believe the job which the Branch has done was the best that could be done under the trying circumstances of wartime. We have every confidence in our staff, and are welcoming 1946 as a year of real accomplishment in the fruit and vegetable field.

We wish you all the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years.

*E. A. Meyer*  
Director

*S. D. Smith*  
Associate Director

DO NOT LICENSE CHARLES BENJAMIN EDWARDS

Charles Benjamin Edwards of North Carolina, who was licensed during 1944 and 1945 to inspect fresh fruits and vegetables in North Carolina, should not be licensed for inspection there or in any other area without obtaining approval from Washington; because of matters arising during November and December in North Carolina while he was acting as a licensed inspector of peanuts.

MAINE SUPER-SPUDS AND CHEF'S SPECIAL SPECIFICATIONS:

The State of Maine has issued, under date of December 1, 1945, new specifications for the above brands of potatoes. The only changes are in the tolerances which now restrict soft rot or wet breakdown to 1% and provide an additional tolerance of 5% for damage by hollow heart and internal discoloration. Copies have been sent eastern and some of the southern offices. Additional copies should be requested of Mr. G. R. Warren, Post Office Box 430, Caribou, Maine.

U. S. STANDARDS AND PUBLICATIONS

Copies of the following publications are being sent to all inspectors:

U. S. Standards for Parsnips, Effective December 10, 1945

U. S. Standards for Shelled Lima Beans for Processing,  
Effective December 27, 1945

U. S. Standards for Beets for Processing, Effective Dec. 5, 1945

Technical Bulletin No. 899, "Precooling California Grapes  
and Their Refrigeration in Transit."

The Market Inspection Handbooks for Slicing Cucumbers and Shallots have been sent to all receiving market offices.

E. E. Conklin, Chief

MARKET NEWS DIVISION

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

On December 15 the National Farm and Home Hour commemorated the 25th anniversary of the first radio broadcast of market news information. This first broadcast was via the dot and dash method and was picked up by radio "hams". The first voiced broadcast on fruits and vegetables was transmitted over station KDKA in Pittsburgh 25 years ago this coming May 19. This broadcast was prepared by J. K. Boyd, who is still in charge of our Pittsburgh market news office. Mr. Boyd appeared on the Farm and Home Hour last Saturday in connection with the commemoration of the beginning of radio market news.

### CHANGE REPORT NUMBERS

At the turn of the year market offices should be sure to change the volume and serial numbers on all reports which are issued throughout the year. This applies both to the "Miscellaneous Daily" and any special commodity reports, the season of issuance of which falls entirely within the calendar year. If the period of issuance of a seasonal commodity report overlaps two calendar years, the volume number should not be changed on January 2, but rather at the time of beginning a new series. For example, a special potato report issued throughout the year should be renumbered beginning January 2 but a similar report issued for the season October 1 to March 31 should continue the same volume and serial numbers throughout the season, setting up a new volume at the beginning of the next fall season. Unload reports - monthly or annual - reviews, summaries, USDA Food Bulletins, and similar releases require no volume or serial numbers. Reports issued by seasonal field offices need not carry a volume number and should be numbered serially for an entire deal, not for calendar years.

### ANNUAL UNLOAD REPORTS

Upon completion of the Annual Unload Reports, 150 copies should be mailed to Washington by those offices reporting rail unloads only and 175 copies by those offices reporting both rail unloads and truck receipts. These should be mailed directly to John L. Buntin, Fruit and Vegetable Branch, P&MA. Incidentally in mailing reports or correspondence to Washington always direct them to a specific individual and branch. General direction of mail simply to Production and Marketing Administration or Department of Agriculture often results in long delay in delivery, or loss, due to the many branches, divisions, and individuals in the Department.

### DISCHARGED VETERAN RETURNING

Jay C. Keller passed through Washington this week, after having been mustered out of the Navy.

Jay had spent much of the last year on an LSM boat in the Pacific. He was in on the Japanese "invasion" and his boat was almost wrecked in the big Okinawa typhoon last fall.

He will return to Market News around mid-January, being assigned to the Washington office where he will handle peanut and honey reports, as well as general supervision over fruit and vegetable reports.

### BELLE GLADE OFFICE

This season the Belle Glade office will operate throughout the winter. In previous years this office has closed during January, February and

March, with the representative operating at Pompano during those months. The Pompano office will also operate this season. Development of the heavy winter celery and cabbage deals in the Lake Okeechobee section has made this necessary.

# TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS

| <u>Location</u>                            | <u>In Charge</u> | <u>Commodity</u>       | <u>Probable Opening &amp; Closing Date</u> |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Belle Glade, Fla. LW<br>West Lake Road     | D. R. Hall       | Vegetables             | Nov.1 - Dec.28                             |
| Grand Forks, N.D.<br>207 Post Office Bldg. | B.I. Burrell     | Potatoes               | Sept.17- Mar.29                            |
| Grand Rapids, Mich. LW<br>412 P.O.Bldg.    | C.B.Miller       | Vegetables             | Oct.29 - Apr.12                            |
| Idaho Falls, Idaho LW<br>206 P.O. Bldg.    | L. W. Gay        | Potatoes               | Oct. 1 - Mar. 29                           |
| Lakeland, Fla. LW<br>Citrus Center Bldg.   | H.F.Willson      | Citrus                 | Oct.7 - May 17                             |
| Phoenix, Ariz.<br>602 Security Bldg.       | J. H. Hunter     | Lettuce                | Nov.15 - Dec.28                            |
| Pompano, Fla. LW<br>State Farmers Market   | J. M. Roberts    | Vegetables             | Jan. 2 - Mar. 29                           |
| Presque Isle, Me.<br>Federal Bldg.         | S. W. Russell    | Potatoes               | Sept.10- May 10                            |
| Rochester, N.Y.<br>300 Terminal Bldg.      | A. L. Thomas     | Vegetables             | Aug.27 - May 10                            |
| Sanford, Fla. LW<br>State Farmers Market   | C.D. Sherman     | Celery &<br>Vegetables | Jan. 2 - May 31                            |
| Weslaco, Texas LW<br>Post Office Bldg.     | R. E. Winfrey    | Citrus &<br>Vegetables | Oct.18 - May 31                            |

C. D. Schoolcraft, Chief.

# DESIGN

The Christmas design front of this Letter was drawn by Jack Selby of the Washington Market News office.

REGULATORY DIVISION

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES

Many field representatives of the Branch are accepting applications for license under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act in order to expedite issuance of the license. This cooperation on the part of Branch representatives is appreciated. It might be well, however, to direct attention to the fact that section 46.21 of the regulations prohibits the disclosure of any facts or information regarding the business of a licensee which may come to the attention of Department representatives to anyone other than representatives of the Department who may be required to have such knowledge, or except as directed by the Secretary, Director, or Chief, or by a court of competent jurisdiction.

T. C. Curry, In Charge

PROCESSED PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION DIVISION

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE VISITS PLANTS

On November 15, 1945, Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, visited and inspected the citrus processing and by-products plants of Southern Fruit Distributors, Inc., Orlando, Florida. The processing of citrus products in this plant is carried on under the continuous inspection of this Division.

GRADING DEMONSTRATIONS

Since the last report of consumer activities, the following inspectors have participated in grading demonstrations for consumer groups:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Inspector in Charge</u><br><u>of demonstration</u> | <u>Group for whom</u><br><u>demonstration given</u>                    | <u>Address</u>  |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 10/1/45     | Margaret H. Sherrerd                                  | International Steward's and<br>Caterer's Assn.,<br>N. J. Branch No. 46 | Newark, N.J.    |
| 10/12/45    | Ruthmary Schrepel                                     | Food Purchasing Class<br>Oregon State College                          | Corvallis, Ore. |
| 10/26/45    | Margaret Sherrerd                                     | Consumer Education and<br>Cooking Classes,<br>Dover High School        | Dover, N.J.     |

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Inspector in Charge<br/>of demonstration</u> | <u>Group for whom<br/>demonstration given</u>                                | <u>Address</u>        |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 10/30/45    | Margaret Sherrerd                               | Food Technicians and<br>Bacteriologists<br>Swartz Laboratories               | New York, N.Y         |
| 11/8/45     | John B. Wegener                                 | Home Economics Class                                                         | Menomonie, Wis        |
| 11/13/45    | Gerardine V. Wegener                            | Consumer Buying Classes<br>East Side Commercial and<br>Technical High School | Newark, N.J.          |
| 11/20/45    | Catherine H. Boysen                             | Home Economics Class<br>University of California                             | Davis, Calif.         |
| 11/20/45    | Max Mergentime                                  | Red Cross Nutrition Class                                                    | Balto., Md.           |
| 11/21/45    | John W. Campbell                                | Red Cross Nutrition Class                                                    | Balto., Md.           |
| 11/28/45    | John B. Wegener                                 | Home Economics Class<br>University of Minnesota                              | Minneapolis,<br>Minn. |

#### INTERVIEW

On November 16, Miss Jeannette Haynes was presented in an interview over Station WJJD, Chicago. This presentation was arranged and directed by the Radio Section, Marketing Reports Division.

#### ADDRESS

Mr. F. L. Southerland addressed the American Homemaker's Association on November 28, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland, on the subject of: "Comprehensive Labeling of Processed Fruits and Vegetables and Its Buying Value."

F. L. Southerland, Acting Chief

#### VEGETABLE MARKETING DIVISION

#### MARKETING AGREEMENT FOR COLORADO PEAS AND CAULIFLOWER

The Colorado Pea and Cauliflower Marketing Agreement was suspended for one year from May 31, 1945, with the idea that marketing conditions in 1946 might make its renewal feasible and desirable. The agreement has been inoperative since 1942. In 1943 and 1944 a state program modeled after the Federal program was in effect. Since it is now probable that there will not be occasion to operate a Federal marketing agreement in 1946, termination of the agreement is under consideration.

PRICE CEILING ADJUSTMENT FOR SNAP BEANS

The ceiling price for snap beans f.o.b. Pompano, Florida was adjusted upward because of extensive damage to the Florida crop by the freeze of December 1. The adjusted f.o.b. ceiling price is \$4.60 per bushel for the period December 15 to 31 and \$4.95 for the period January 1 to 20.

BUDGET ESTIMATES

The Division has been working on an estimate of the total funds required to provide for subsidy, loan, purchase, and other programs initiated in 1945-46 fiscal year, together with an estimate of sums needed for programs expected to be in effect in 1946-47.

CANCELLATION OF CONTRACTS FOR DEHYDRATED VEGETABLES

A number of contracts for dehydrated vegetables have been terminated and this raises problems in connection with the disposition of crops subcontracted by growers for dehydration. Beets and onions are not expected to present any difficulties. Grower contracts in California involve approximately 50,000 tons of cabbage for delivery from now through next May. Plans suggested for disposition include the re-assignment of grower contracts to cabbage shippers wherever possible at the full contract price and reimbursement of growers for expenses incurred on crops which would not be ready for harvest until later, on condition that they disk or plow their fields thus making their land available for other and more-needed crops.

There are approximately 1,000 tons of rutabagas in storage in the State of Washington and 8,000 to 10,000 tons in Wisconsin which were under contract to dehydrators. Plans for disposition without depressing the fresh market include possible shipment abroad in the fresh form and sale in this country for livestock feed.

SURPLUS PURCHASES DISCONTINUED

No surplus purchases have been made recently because of improved market conditions. The purchase plan for carrots which expires on December 30 is the only purchase plan now in effect.

The Division is preparing a master docket to cover purchases of fresh vegetables during the period January 1 to June 30, 1946

L. S. Fenn, Chief

FRUIT MARKETING DIVISION

AMENDMENT 2 TO APPLE SET-ASIDE ORDER

Amendment 2 to War Food Order 143, as amended, applicable to Winesap, Newtown and Delicious apples in the States of Washington and Oregon, was made effective December 22, 1945. This amendment increases from 20 to 25 percent the percentage of smaller sizes permitted to be substituted in the Winesap and Newtown apples set aside; extends the range of such sizes, previously set at 175 or 180, to sizes 175 to 216 inclusive; and limits the quantity of size 198 (or 200) and the quantity of size 216 to not more than 30 percent, each, of the maximum quantity authorized to be substituted. This amendment does not increase the total quantity of apples required to be set aside under the order.

Monroe McCown, Acting Chief.

Note:

No Branch Letter was issued December 6, 1945.

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